

**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH**

**ABSTRACT**

Municipal Corporations - Greater Visakhapatnam Municipal Corporation - Inclusion of the areas covered under erstwhile Anakapally and Bheemunipatnam Municipalities and erstwhile 10 Gram Panchayats contiguous to Greater Visakhapatnam Municipal Corporation in the Greater Visakhapatnam Municipal Corporation - Notification - Issued.

**MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATION & URBAN DEVELOPMENT (ELEC.II) DEPARTMENT**

**G.O.Ms.No. 375**

**Dated:30.07.2013.**  
**Read the following:**

1. G.O.Ms.No.215, MA & UD (ELEC.II) Department, Dated:25.05.2013.
2. G.O.Ms.No.216, MA & UD (ELEC.II) Department, Dated:25.05.2013.
3. Govt. Memo No.3545/Ele.I/2010, MA & UD Dept, Dated:25.05.2013.
4. From the Commissioner, G.V.M.C, Vishakapatnam Letter No.9180/2005/G1/G1, Dated:10.06.2013.
5. From the Commissioner, G.V.M.C, Vishakapatnam Letter No.9180/2005/G1/G1, Dated:11.06.2013.
6. From the Commissioner & Director of Municipal Administration and Urban Development Department, Lr.No.4092/2010/Ele.III, Dated:18.06.2013.
7. Orders of Hon'ble High Court dated:17.06.2013 in PIL No.281/2013.
8. From the Commissioner, Greater Vishakapatnam Municipal Corporation, Vishakapatnam Letter No.9180/2005/G1/G1, Dated:20.06.2013.
9. From the Commissioner, Greater Vishakapatnam Municipal Corporation, Vishakapatnam Letter No.9180/2005/G1/G1, Dated:26.06.2013.
10. From Sri B. Narasimha Murthy R/o Bhimunipatnam Representation Dated:26.06.2013 received on 27.06.2013.
11. Govt. Letter No.3545/Ele.I/2010, MA & UD Department, Dated:28.06.2013.
12. W.P.No.19433/2013 filed by Smt. M. Parvathamma and two others.
13. From the Commissioner, Greater Vishakapatnam Municipal Corporation, Vishakapatnam Letter No.9180/2005/G1/G1, Dated:09.07.2013.
14. Govt. Memo No.3545/Ele.I/2010, MA & UD Department, Dated:24.07.2013.
15. G.O.Ms.No. 373, MA & UD (ELEC.II) Department, Dated 30.07.2013.
16. G.O.Ms.No. 374, MA & UD (ELEC.II) Department, Dated 30.07.2013.
17. G.O.Ms.No.369, PR & RD (Pts.IV) Department, Dated: 30.7.2013.

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**ORDER**

Visakhapatnam is the second largest city in State of Andhra Pradesh, a sprawling industrial city and one of the fast emerging metropolises. The large-scale expansion of Visakhapatnam and its suburbs began since 1970 with the setting up of the Visakhapatnam Steel Plant at Gajuwaka and the townships development undertaken by Visakhapatnam Urban Development Authority. The trend of population expansion and growth is more pronounced along the National Highway-5, viz., towards Gajuwaka on the west and Madhurawada on the East. With the establishment of various industries, Gangavaram Port and SEZ towards the west of Visakhapatnam the urban spread of Visakhapatnam is increasing in a linear pattern.

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2. The rapid pace of development and growth around Greater Visakhapatnam Municipal Corporation viz., mostly in Anakapalle Municipality, Bheemunipatnam Municipality and adjoining Gram Panchayats located in between Greater Visakhapatnam Municipal Corporation, Anakapalle and Bheemunipatnam Municipalities, are posing severe strain on the physical infrastructure facilities and service and creating problem of effective management and administration in view of multiplicity of Municipalities and local bodies.

3. Hence, considering all the above, and with a view to (i) provide better civic services; (ii) have better administrative mechanism; (iii) ensure better planning and focused development in and around Visakhapatnam; (iv) have more equitable devolution of finance and utilization of resources; (v) ensure uniform enforcement in the Visakhapatnam and its suburbs, Government have decided to expand the limits of Greater Visakhapatnam Municipal Corporation by merging the areas covered under erstwhile Anakapalle, Bheemunipatnam Municipalities and erstwhile 10 Gram Panchayats located between Greater Visakhapatnam Municipal Corporation, Anakapalle and Bheemunipatnam Municipalities.

4. The Anakapalle and Bheemunipatnam Municipalities have passed Resolutions vide C.R.No.769, dt.16.04.2012 and C.R.No.232, dt.10.04.2012 respectively, consenting for merger. The District Collector, Visakhapatnam in his letter Rc.No.234/2013/A1, dt.25-04-2013 has furnished the resolutions of 10 Grampanchayats consenting for merger in the limits of Greater Visakhapatnam Municipal Corporation. Hence, it is proposed to include areas covered under the following (2) Municipalities and (10) Grampanchayats located in Anakapalle, Bheemunipatnam and parawada Mandals in the limits of Greater Visakhapatnam Municipal Corporation under the first proviso to sub-section (1) of Section 3 of the Visakhapatnam Municipal Corporation Act, 1979, namely:

**Municipalities:**

1	Anakapalle Municipality	2	Bheemunipatnam Municipality
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**Gram Panchayats:**

1	K.Nagarapalem	2	Kapuluppada
3	Chepaluppada	4	Nidigattu
5	J.V.Agraharam	6	Thadi
7	Salapuvanipalem	8	Rajupalem
9	Valluru	10	Koppaka

5. In the G.Os. first and second read above, the Government have issued notices to the Council of Greater Vishakapatnam Municipal Corporation and also to the public inviting views, objections and suggestions on the above proposal to include the areas covered by Anakapalle, Bheemunipatnam Municipalities and 10 Gram Panchayats referred in para-4 above with in the limits of Greater Visakhapatnam Municipal Corporation.

6. The Commissioner, Greater Vishakapatnam Municipal Corporation has forwarded the objections/suggestions received from the public in response to the above to the Government along with his remarks in the letters 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> for taking further action in the matter.

7. In response to the notices issued, the Council of the Greater Vishakapatnam Municipal Corporation, have resolved accepting the proposals of inclusion vide C.R. No. 108, dated 20.06.2013. The Anakapalle and Bheemunipatnam Municipal Councils have also resolved accepting the inclusion proposal vide C.R. No. 81, dated 11.06.2013 and C.R.No. 474, dated 11.06.2013 respectively.

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8. In the reference 7th read above, the Hon'ble High Court in its orders dated:17.06.2013 in the PIL No.281/2013 while disposing the PIL has directed the respondent concerned to consider the objections raised by the Petitioner, upon hearing the Petitioner and take final decision in the matter within four weeks. In pursuance of the said Hon'ble High Court Orders the Principal Secretary to Government, Municipal Administration & Urban Development Department has heard the Petitioner on 06.07.2013.

9. In the Government Memo 14<sup>th</sup> read above, Government after examining contents of the hearing held in pursuance of the orders in PIL No.281/2013 and the representations of Petitioners submitted to the Government in compliance of the orders of the Hon'ble High Court in the W.P., 12<sup>th</sup> read above, issued orders rejecting the objections made therein to be untenable and not maintainable as per the various statutory provisions pertaining to merger.

10. In the G.Os. 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> read above, Government have abolished the erstwhile Anakapally Municipality and Bheemunipatnam Municipality for merging the same into Greater Vishakapatnam Municipal Corporation. In the G.O. 17<sup>th</sup> read above the Government in Panchayat Raj and Rural Development Department has issued de-notification orders in respect of above Ten (10) Gram Panchayats of Vishakapatnam District so as to notify the said areas for inclusion into Greater Vishakapatnam Municipal Corporation limits.

11. Therefore, the Government after careful consideration of the proposal and keeping in view the larger interest of the public, have decided to include the areas covered under the Anakapally Municipality and Bheemunipatnam Municipality and the following (10) Gram Panchayats in the limits of Greater Vishakapatnam Municipal Corporation:

1	K.Nagarapalem	2	Kapuluppada
3	Chepaluppada	4	Nidigattu
5	J.V.Agraharam	6	Thadi
7	Salapuvanipalem	8	Rajupalem
9	Valluru	10	Koppaka

12. Accordingly, the following notification will be published in the extraordinary issue of A.P. Gazette **dated: 31.07.2013.**

13. The Commissioner, Printing, Stationary & Stores purchase Department, Hyderabad is requested to furnish 200 copies of conveying the publication of the said notification.

### **NOTIFICATION**

In exercise of the powers conferred by the proviso to sub-section (1) of Section 3 of the Vishakapatnam Municipal Corporations Act, 1979 (The Andhra Pradesh Act No.19 of 1979), the Government of Andhra Pradesh, hereby include the areas covered by the following erstwhile Municipalities and Gram Panchayats within the limits of Greater Vishakapatnam Municipal Corporation with immediate effect:

**I. Areas covered under following erstwhile Municipalities:**

- i. Anakapalle Municipality
- ii. Bheemunipatnam Municipality

**II. Areas covered under following erstwhile Gram Panchayats:**

- i. K.Nagarapalem
- ii. Kapuluppada
- iii. Chepaluppada
- iv. Nidigattu
- v. J.V.Agraharam
- vi. Thadi
- vii. Salapuvanipalem
- viii. Rajupalem
- ix. Valluru
- x. Koppaka

**(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)**

**ADHAR SINHA  
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT**

To

The Commissioner, Printing, Stationary & Stores purchase Department, Hyderabad.  
The Council, Greater Vishakapatnam Municipal Corporation, Vishakapatnam.  
The Commissioner, Greater VishakapatnamMunicipal Corporation, Vishkapatnam.  
The Commissioner & Director of Municipal Administration, Hyderabad.  
The Collector & District Magistrate, Vishakapatnam.  
The Director of Town and Country Planning, Hyderabad  
The Engineer-in-Chief (PH). Hyderabad  
The Director of Treasuries and Accounts, A.P. Hyderabad.  
The District Treasury Officer, Vishakapatnam.

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The P.S to Minister for Municipal Administration.  
The P.S to Prl. Secy. To Govt.(MA), M.A & U.D Dept.  
The Law (A) Department.  
SF/SC

**//FORWARDED :: BY ORDER//**

**SECTION OFFICER**